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School StatNet Meeting: December 4, 2014

School StatNet Meeting: Data-Informed Budget Advocacy Strategies

Thursday, December 4, 2014

8:00 am - Noon (followed by informal lunch)

Worcester Technical High School (1 Skyline Drive, Worcester)

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

School StatNet is back for the first of three meetings this fiscal year. The topic of this first meeting will be the use of data for budget development, communication, and advocacy for school districts. All sessions will center around the analysis of data that districts have submitted in advance and will consist of a mix of facilitated discussions and case study/best practices presentations by practitioners.

We hope to receive input from people who serve in a variety of roles and who are involved with the budget process in a variety of ways. All input and perspectives are welcome. Also, if you have provided input on the budget development process as part of the last meeting, know that we still have that data and you don't have to re-enter it, but please feel free to expand upon that information if appropriate.

TO RSVP: First, **send an e-mail to Amy Dain at amy.dain@umb.edu** - with name, title, affiliation and email. Second, attendees from districts should **complete this data collection form and send it to Amy Dain no later than November 24, 2014**. The data will inform all parts of the meeting, and having your district's data gives the conversation more substance. (Please note that the spreadsheet has three tabs.)

School StatNet was launched in 2013 by the Somerville Public Schools - in partnership with several other school districts, education-related organizations, academic institutions, the Commonwealth, and the Collins Center - as an effort to increase data-informed decision-making relating to education and to support collaborative problem-solving on topics that impact student achievement and the efficiency of school operations. It is funded through a Community Innovation Challenge (CIC) Grant awarded by the Massachusetts Executive Office for Administration and Finance, and it is now being coordinated by the Collins Center. School StatNet carried out three meetings in FY14. At these meetings, participants have engaged in lively discussions of consolidated data to surface best practices and identify concerns that are common across participating districts.

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